

HOUSE BILL No. 1178

DIGEST OF INTRODUCED BILL

Citations Affected: None (noncode).

Synopsis: Growth and development study committee. Establishes a two year growth and development interim study committee made up of members of the general assembly. Directs the committee to examine incentives for growth and development and to study the impact of growth and development on taxes, transportation funding, energy policy, and the environment.

Effective: July 1, 2007.

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January 11, 2007, read first time and referred to Committee on Rules and Legislative Procedures.

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First Regular Session 115th General Assembly (2007)

PRINTING CODE. Amendments: Whenever an existing statute (or a section of the Indiana Constitution) is being amended, the text of the existing provision will appear in this style type, additions will appear in **this style type**, and deletions will appear in ~~this style type~~.

Additions: Whenever a new statutory provision is being enacted (or a new constitutional provision adopted), the text of the new provision will appear in **this style type**. Also, the word **NEW** will appear in that style type in the introductory clause of each SECTION that adds a new provision to the Indiana Code or the Indiana Constitution.

Conflict reconciliation: Text in a statute in *this style type* or ~~this style type~~ reconciles conflicts between statutes enacted by the 2006 Regular Session of the General Assembly.

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A BILL FOR AN ACT concerning general assembly.

Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the State of Indiana:

1 SECTION 1. [EFFECTIVE JULY 1, 2007] (a) **As used in this**
2 **SECTION "committee" refers to the interim study committee on**
3 **growth and development established by this SECTION.**

4 (b) **There is established the interim study committee on growth**
5 **and development.**

6 (c) **The committee shall study the following:**

7 (1) **Incentives for growth and development, including:**

8 (A) **the efficacy of existing incentives;**

9 (B) **incentives available in other states; and**

10 (C) **new incentive policies.**

11 (2) **The impact of growth and development on:**

12 (A) **tax rates;**

13 (B) **transportation funding;**

14 (C) **energy policies; and**

15 (D) **the environment.**

16 (d) **The committee shall make recommendations to the general**
17 **assembly concerning the most efficient process to plan for growth**
18 **and development at the state and local levels. The**

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1 recommendations must include the committee's determinations
2 concerning the following:

3 (1) A process that leads to development decisions that are
4 predictable, fair, and cost effective.

5 (2) A process that directs development toward existing
6 communities and makes use of existing infrastructure.

7 (3) A process that integrates fiscal, transportation, energy,
8 and environmental policies with land use planning.

9 (4) A process that encourages the preservation of farmland,
10 open space, and critical environmental areas.

11 (e) The committee shall operate under the policies governing
12 study committees adopted by the legislative council.

13 (f) The affirmative votes of a majority of the voting members
14 appointed to the committee are required for the committee to take
15 action on any measure, including final reports.

16 (g) This SECTION expires December 31, 2008.

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